



HB 577 Children's Health Care Act

Montana Families Need Your Support!

- Currently there are 37,000 uninsured children in Montana
- Over 75% of our uninsured kids come from a working family¹
- Uninsured children do not access primary and preventative care:²
 - Uninsured kids are nearly five times more likely to have at least one delayed or unmet health care need
 - 10% of uninsured kids have an unmet dental need

Cover over 4,800 more kids through CHIP and Medicaid

- Nationally, only 47% of moderate income earners are offered employer sponsored health insurance³
- In the past three years, monthly premiums have increased 77% for employees and 24% for employers⁴
- 66% of Montana's uninsured kids come from families that earn modest incomes (40,000 for a family of four).⁵

HB 577 works within the programs that we already have and makes them work better for families.

HB 577 is a means to cover more children while the fate of federal CHIP reauthorization is still unknown

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¹ Robert Wood Johnson, 2007

² *No Shelter from the Storm, America's Uninsured Children*, Campaign for Children's Health Care, September 2006

³ Robert Wood Johnson, 2007

⁴ 2006 Employer Survey on Health Insurance Coverage in Montana, The University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Steve Seninger, Ph.D. December 2006.

⁵ Robert Wood Johnson, 2007